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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	)	
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Christopher Casscells et al.	)	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned	)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
(Continuation of USSN: 09/066,615)	)	
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Filed: Herewith	)	
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Title: ELECTROCAUTERIZING TOOL FOR	)	
<u>ORTHOPEDIC SHAVE DEVICES</u>	)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to Examination on the merits, Applicants request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, under the heading "Relationship to Copending Application", please delete the entire paragraph beginning at line 1 and ending at line 9, and insert the following:

~~This application is a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/066,615, filed April 24, 1998,~~

A/ which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/059,383, filed September 19, 1997.

This application is related to U.S. Application No. 09/034,830, filed March 4, 1998, and U.S.